

Tantillo the super choice

Schools will work on contract with top New Jersey educator

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The School Committee unanimously voted to offer the superintendent job to Dr. Benedict Tantillo, pending the negotiation of a contract.

The committee met last Tuesday night to deliberate between the three final candidates to replace outgoing superintendent Susan Skeiber – Tantillo, Middleton McGoodwin and James Hayden. McGoodwin is the current superintendent in Marshfield and Hayden



Benedict Tantillo

works for the Brockton School District. Tantillo has been the superintendent of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District in Montville, New Jersey for ten years. He was named that state's superintendent of the year in 2006.

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The vote was contingent on a site visit to Tantillo's current district in New Jersey, and the negotiation of a contract. School Committee Chairwoman Anne Ward said the board still needs to get input from legal counsel to hammer out a contract. The site visit was tentatively scheduled for May 26.

"He's very excited and looking forward to the visit from our team," said Ward.

Other accomplishments Tantillo lists on his resumé are passing and overseeing a \$42 million construction and renovation project, developing teacher assessment models and

initiating full-day professional development days, including the public and students on district committees and creating new course offerings in his district in technology, world languages, international business and more.

He has also been a high school principal, a football and baseball coach and a teacher of English, social studies and physical education.

At Tuesday night's meeting, as the board members started to offer their thoughts on the candidates, Ward said a consensus started to form on Tantillo.

"It became very obvious as each School Committee mem-

ber took their turn that there was unanimous support," she said. "Everyone felt very strongly that he had a proven track record of success."

Specifically, Tantillo has had success in the academic realm and leading technology initiatives like a one-student, one-laptop program.

"We felt he had the attributes to be a strong leader here," said Ward.

She also said that while each School Committee member has a different vision of how to get the Duxbury schools to the "next level" of success, board members felt that Tantillo had the leadership skills to bring everyone together.